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WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO STOP WAR?

WHAT HAVE you done to crush the growing war mania of the patriots for profits? Did you write to President Wilson and tell him that you positively refuse to fight for Morgan and Schwab and their crowd? Did you tell him that if we are plunged into war it will be a war to enrich only the munitions ring and the food speculators? Did you tell him that you clearly see thru the thin veneer and that the plea to protect American lives is only a hollow mockery? Did you tell him that you see the dollar behind every word uttered by the kept pro-war press that is thirsting for human blood? Protest against "Armed Neutrality" for it is inviting war to America. If you have not done so, do it at once, before it is too late.

The bloated and blear-eyed vultures who want war are without scruples and would turn you out as cannon meat to swell their blood-soaked coffers.

There are members in the United States and the House who stand by the people and against war. Your letters will strengthen them in their opposition to the professional mass murder that the profit-mongers yearn for. The common people do not want war because they know that those who have the most to fight for will not fight.

IS THERE anyone feeble minded enough to believe that Morgan, Schwab and Rockefeller will enter the trenches? Is there anyone at large, who for one

moment thinks that the Wall street crowd will shoulder a gun and fight "to protect American lives"? Is there anyone who even believes that the Wall Street gluttons will go to the firing line to defend THEIR commerce? If they are too cowardly to go to the front to protect their commerce, why should you?

The "Bought And Paid For" press tricked the workers to the trenches in 1898. At that time we were aroused to avenge the blowing up of the Maine. Imbued with a patriotic frenzy, thousands went to Cuba and the Philippines. The common people were blinded by the press so they could see nothing but "Remember the Maine!" In 1916, eighteen years later, the war office at Washington issued a document in which we find the following: (War Dept. Document No. 528, page 6.) "When it became evident to our Military Information Division in 1897 that war was certain to occur between the United States and Spain, an attempt was made to discover not only the numbers but the Garrisons of the Spanish Army in Cuba." So you see, it was "certain in 1897," not in 1898 when the Maine was blown up, that we would have war with Spain. The war lords knew the year previous that war was "certain" but did they tell you so? You were a dead letter until the pretext for war was found and then your patriotism was appealed to just as now.

Thousands went to Cuba to be fed on and killed by embalmed beef! Isn't that a marvelous recompense for defending your country?

IN THE present crisis, act after act

has been staged to enflame your passion. So far they have failed to work you up to the proper frenzy. They tried the Lusitania but you balked. Then the Frey, the Sussex, etc. Recently the Laconia and still the great mass of the people keep calm and self-possessed. Like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky came the German-Japanese-Mexican "Plot". Whether this is the trump card, remains to be seen. At any rate we cannot rest one moment in our opposition to war. We must make war on war every moment of the day. Not with sword and cannon but with reason.

Suppose that everything the press has told us about the Zimmermann Note is true. Put this government in the place of either the Allies or the Central Powers. Wouldn't our war lords embroil other countries if it suited their purpose? This country would resort to every means conceivable to crush an enemy. If it did not, it would have no business engaging in the profession of war. In 1898 we sent out modern battle-ships to shoot a lot of Spanish tubs to pieces and drown the half-starved Spaniards like rats. We had them 3000 miles from home and pommelled them in true American style.

ENGLAND, thru Morgan, has had a strangle hold on this nation ever since the outbreak of the war. We have been the cow that England has milked to further her purpose.

England has interfered with our commerce and is still doing so with her superdreadnoughts. Germany is doing it with her submarines.

To us the Kaiser with his military

machine and submarines should be as despicable as Lloyd George and his super-dreadnoughts and the Czar and his cossacks.

We should be for neither side---we should be against both and while we are ranting against the military and naval terrorism of the Kaiser, the Treasury of this nation is being looted to build up a murder machine to force the surplus values created by the workers of this country upon people of other lands.

"We must have the biggest Navy in the world," is the cry, and the industrial pirates are determined to have it---no matter what the cost may be to us.

AND WHAT about protecting American lives? There is a wonderful field here at home to practice that.

From 1890 to 1913 there were 31,710 miners reported killed in the soft coal mines of this country. In addition to this, according to available records, 17,902 were killed in the hard coal mines from 1870 to 1913. In Cherry, Ill., 259 were killed at one time because the mine was operated in violation of law. About 1,000 were killed in the Iroquois Theatre fire in Chicago which was operated in violation of law. Nearly 1,000 went to their death on the Eastland, here in the Chicago river because the boat was unseaworthy. Over one hundred girls were burned to death in the Triangle shirt factory in New York because the law was violated. And there are numerous other instances.

Of course, that ruthless sacrifice was all due to "accidents". That is quite a convenient word to hide the shame of the nation.

LET US begin protecting lives in the industries of this country before makin any hypocritical pretenses in the present war crisis. The only thing the workers can expect out of war is to be crippled or killed. Should you be lucky enough to be missed by bullets and shells and get a medal for bravery, remember that neither your merchant, butcher, doctor nor land lord will accept it in payment of bills. No matter how brave you prove yourself in defense of the country, when you return home you will still be exploited and oppressed and you will be forced to take out a bare existence.

I repeat, act before it is too late. Let the president and the members of congress know where you stand. Tell them that neither the nation's integrity, honor or independence is in danger. Tell them that you refuse to murder your brother of any country and then hide your crimsoned fist in the folds of the flag.

ACT QUICK! Arouse your neighbor and fellow worker to the seriousness of the situation for the cost of war will be tremendous. "Armed Neutrality" is a direct invitation to war.

The Socialist Party must stand like a stone wall against the disaster that will be ours unless we organize and act in unison. Close up the ranks everywhere and add to our columns those who vote the Socialist ticket but have not yet joined the party!

ORGANIZE OR PAY THE PENALTY THAT PLUTOCRACY WILL METE OUT TO YOU FOR YOUR NEGLIGENCE!

Tom Mooney Sentenced To Hang An Appeal To The Organized Workers Of America!

By EUGENE V. DEBS.

A TELEGRAM just received from San Francisco announces the sentence of Tom Mooney. He is to hang by the neck until he is dead. The day set for his murder is May 17th. The capitalist jury and judge have done their foul work, and it is now up to us to do ours.

Tom Mooney is an absolutely innocent man and his conviction an infamous crime. We, the workers of America, are duty bound to challenge the verdict of the capitalist jury and set aside the sentence of the capitalist judge. We constitute a court, a jury, and a judge of our own.

We sat thru this case from the hour the vile conspiracy was concocted and we know beyond doubt that Mooney was framed and that he is to be murdered for no other reason than that the corporation criminals, the big capitalist thieves and their official highbinders could not buy him, or silence his agitation.

MORE THAN twenty reputable witnesses not only testified to Mooney's innocence but proved it beyond even the shadow of a doubt. His alibi was without a flaw. He was miles away from the bomb when it exploded in the preparedness parade. He had absolutely no connection with and no knowledge of the affair. Bourke Cochran, the eminent New York lawyer, who defended him, is positively convinced of this and so is every other man or woman who attended the trial and is not in the pay or under the influence of the United Railroads, the Manufacturers' Association, and other red-handed bandits who have for years been plundering San Francisco and have now set themselves up as the autocratic rulers of the Pacific coast.

You know the record of the Manufacturers' Association. You remember the Mulhall story and the trail of this slimy serpent in the investigation at Washington. If the law had been enforced every one of these criminal conspirators would now be keeping the lock-step in penitentiary.

You know, too, the rotten record of the United Railroads, every page of which drips with corruption and reeks with stench that cry to heaven. You also know the attitude of the Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco, that gang of pot-bellied exploiters and thieves and their mangy spaniels. It is these sweet-scented elements that constitute the despotic power that rules San Francisco with a rod of steel, these private interests organized for loot, rapine, and plunder, as conscienceless a gang of pirates as ever sandbagged an honest man or picked the pocket of a blind orphan.

AND IT is this gang that issued its declaration of war against organized labor and in cold blood set to work thru its sleuths, hirelings and prostitutes, male and female, of high and low degree,

to drive every union man and woman and every Socialist from the Pacific coast.

This is the real cause, the true inwardness of Tom Mooney's conviction. He would not lay down like a cur at the command of the blear-eyed, bloated bandits. He stood up like a man and defied them. In every protest of the workers Mooney's voice was heard; in every strike he was at the front and his influence was felt. He was true in every throb of his heart to the organized workers in their battle against annihilation. He lost sight of self entirely. He was the kind of a man when the crisis came we should have a thousand of instead of one, and if we had, those broadcloth, bediamonded, greasy desperadoes who are now trying to assassinate him under cover of law would have seen ignominious finish long ago.

THE ARREST of Mooney in connection with the bomb explosion was an outrage, his trial from first to last a farce, and his conviction and sentence a crime so flagrant, so cruel, so shocking that the working class of the whole nation should and must rise in revolt against it.

The plundering plutocrats thirsting to lap Tom Mooney's honest blood must be thwarted. These hyenas shall not break his neck and gloat over his dead body. Their infamous court and its filthy hirelings have brought him bound and gagged to the gallows but they shall not chortle over his ghastly murder.

COMRADES and fellow-workers of America, I appeal to you! If ever my voice was heard I want it to be heard now. If ever I was engaged in an act of duty to justice and service to the working class I am engaged in that act now in pleading with you to help save as honest a workingman and as true a unionist as ever stood under the banner of the labor movement.

I know Tom Mooney and I know him well. For weeks he was with us on the Red Special. We ate and slept together. Every one on the train loved him. To me he was a younger brother. He is innocent. I swear it. His murder would be a foul and indelible blot upon our movement and an everlasting disgrace to ourselves.

We can save him. We have got to save him. Let us get to work and lose no time. From now on my pen and my voice are at his service. My duty is clear and so is that of every other union man and Socialist in America.

FIRST OF all there is the most urgent need for funds. Everyone should contribute at least his mite. Send your contribution, at once to Robert Minor, Room 210, Russ Bldg., San Francisco, Cal. But this is not all. We must get busy at our union and local meetings. Publicity is extremely important. Protest meetings should be at once organized and proper action taken. We can stir the country from end to end before the San Francisco hangmen in evening dress can dislocate the neck of their framed-up victim. Every labor union and every Socialist local must swing into line.

This is the hour for solidarity. Now is the time to stand up straight on our hind legs all over this country and say, IT SHALL NOT BE DONE!

We are patient and long suffering but there is a limit. It has been reached. Let us show this country that labor is alive. Let its lightning strike just once and there will be a sudden halt in the murder program scheduled for May 17th.

Comrades, the red blood in you must now prove itself. I pledge myself to you in this fight to its finish.

War And Wall Street

Perhaps some light is thrown on the extraordinary war fever which has seized the metropolitan press by the following "daily market letter" issued by a Wall Street broker, George Graham Rice. This letter does not discuss "rights" or "national duties" but its explanation of the response of the stock market to the threat of war is blunt to a degree and should be kept in mind; it is the key to the pressure now being steadily exerted upon the administration to plunge us into war. Pressure equal and opposite MUST be exerted. The letter follows:

"When on Saturday at 11:15 a. m. the news was flashed that Ambassador Bernstorff had been handed his passports, uncertainty changed to certainty, and the stock markets began a recovery. Today the rise was continued....

"The situation in a nutshell, as expressed by the highest banking authorities, is about like this:

"We are on the verge of war with several of the great nations of the world. These nations are 'cribbed, cabled and confined' by the navies and armies of such powerful governments as England, France and Italy. The American nation is, in fact, about to enter upon a national joyfest. This country, with its untold resources, richer than any other country in the world, is about to engage in war with nations of the first class and enjoy all the thrills of war without being compelled to do any of the real fighting. We shall now place ourselves upon a war footing equal to that of any of the warring parties, and with only the remotest possibility of an invading army or an invading navy reaching our shores. To place ourselves in a proper position, we are about to spend \$2,000,000,000 or more of American money, and spend it at home....

"In fine, overnight, \$2,000,000,000 worth of new home buying has come into existence, and the buying power from abroad which recently has been looked upon as pinchbeck, now becomes the genuine article. Unbounded prosperity is at hand. Practically everything that is needed for war purposes in this country can be supplied in this country, and the government's treasure, which will be poured into the lap of producers and manufacturers will remain here.

"Posterity may pay the debt in increased taxation and prosperity may feel the burden, but at this time the country and its flourishing population are bound to feel the quick and full effect of the unloosening."

Which is just another way of saying:

"After us the deluge!"

Seed Time And Harvest

By JOHN M. WORK.

IT HAS been well said that "a man's mind may be likened to a garden, which may be intelligently cultivated or allowed to run wild; but, whether cultivated or neglected, it must and will bring forth. If no useful seeds are put into it, then an abundance of useless weed seeds will fall therein, and continue to produce their kind.

Shall we let the weed seeds of capitalism take the minds of the people, or shall we sow Socialist seed in their mental gardens?

THE capitalist seed is constantly being sown. The capitalist papers and magazines, in particular, scatter this weed seed broadcast. You can see the effects every day by conversing with people who rely on such papers and periodicals for their news and their interpretations of current events. Of late, these muddling effects have been especially conspicuous among the high cost of living.

When you talk with a person who does not read anything but the capitalist papers, you will find him up in the air on this subject. He has to pay higher prices for nearly everything he buys, and he is wrathful about it. But he takes it out in cursing. He does not have the slightest suspicion as to the cause of this condition, nor the remedy for it.

ON THE other hand, when you talk with a person who reads the Socialist as well as the capitalist papers, you find that the problem does not present any mysteries to him. He knows the cause and the cure. He knows exactly what he wants. He is ready to go about applying the remedy immediately, and he is only deterred by the fact that most of the rest of the people are still floundering in ignorance.

And so it goes. We have to suffer for the ignorance of others. The only way we can escape this is by educating them so that they also will know the truth.

The great crying need of the hour is that the people may be shown the way of deliverance, to the end that they may become Socialists and vote for social reconstruction.

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Are you doing your share to put these where they will do the most good? If not, load up and get to work. Sow the seed, and in due time we shall reap the harvest.

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Organization Column.

NOTE.—We want the best brains in the Socialist movement to contribute ideas to this "Organization Column." We feel that the best organization ideas come from those who really do the work of organization, the rank and file of the membership who are always on the job. Let us hear from you on all communications to the Organization Column Editor, The American Socialist, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

A Program

I have been trying for some time to get the party to concentrate upon the most vital point of the system and make the collective ownership of the railroads the most prominent part of our platform and our campaign. This would be an interesting subject and would get the people out to hear. Then with this one point of attack as the prominent idea our speakers could incidentally take some 15 or 30 minutes to explain that part of the Socialist philosophy applicable to the railroad situation to make it plain. Then perhaps people will not object so strenuously to the Socialist philosophy as they do now and will grasp it more readily. Why try to compel everybody to become scientific Socialists so that they will vote the Socialist philosophy as a platform? Why not put out a platform that is practical, pointed and applicable to the present conditions of society, and easily understood by everybody?

Let us make a drive on the government ownership of the railroads and such changes in our tax laws as will call a halt on these large unearned incomes and inheritances and turn the surplus into the government treasury with which to buy the railroads, thereby buying and paying for them in five or seven years.

It can be done and four laws on taxation will turn the trick. It is the door thru which we should strive to show the way to, and the benefits of, the co-operative commonwealth. Let us talk taxation a little. Let us have these four laws on taxation fairly well outlined, systematized and understood. They will accomplish the transformation without any trouble and the people will see their justice and benefit much more quickly than they will grasp the Socialist philosophy, and once understood the people will demand their enactment. Around these laws we can group all the good things that we, the producers, demand.

Here they are:

First, A law exempting the home, owned by the occupant, and the means for family support, not to exceed \$5,000 in value, from taxation, and making it necessary to raise money for all government purposes by direct taxation on all property not exempt as homes or for church, school and other public purposes. Note that this will place the burden of taxation on the homes of the poor but on the exploiting property of the rich.

Second, A law taxing all incomes in excess of \$10,000 and so graduated that all that part of all private incomes in excess of \$200,000 would be taxed at 100 per cent.

Third, An excise tax on corporations whereby all net income in excess of five per cent (5 p. c.) on the ASSESSED VALUATION should be taxed, and the tax so graduated that all net income in excess of ten per cent (10 p. c.) on such ASSESSED VALUATION should be taxed at 100 per cent. (Please tell me what incentive there would be for the railroads to issue that \$1,000,000 of additional stocks and bonds under this law?) Now remember this says their ASSESSED VALUATION not their capitalization. And remember also that the Interstate Commerce Commission is now engaged in the pleasant task of finding the physical valuation of the railroads and they find them capitalized at five to ten times their physical value.

Fourth, An inheritance law that will exempt, say \$5,000 of indirect inheritances and be so graduated that all that part of indirect inheritance above \$100,000 shall be taxed at 100 per cent. Also exempting all direct inheritances of say \$25,000 and so graduated that all that part of direct inheritances in excess of say \$200,000 shall be taxed at 100 per cent.

Each of the last three laws should have a clause placing all taxes collected under them in a fund for the purpose of buying the public utilities and exploiting industries at the ascertained physical value or for supplying the people with food, clothing, fuel, etc., at cost of production. Also each person or corporation should be required to make his or its own statement of property owned and income derived therefrom under oath and that oath should be held inviolate and inviolable by making the list public property and confiscating any property not included in the list and giving ten per cent of it to the person who discovered the error.

I will guarantee that under such a law the present tax dodgers would fall over each other in their haste to make their full list and file it with the proper officer. Even the Marshall Field estate would not have paid a fortune in back taxes because his last sworn list would have been all that his heirs could claim, the estate passing automatically to the state or nation.

Let us make the government pur-

Henrietta Dubb Joins The Women's Defence League



By RYAN WALKER

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Buck did not like Thornton to get out of his sight. From the moment he left the tent to when he entered it again, Buck would follow at his heels. His transient masters since he had come into the Northland had bred in him a fear that no master could be permanent. He was afraid that Thornton would pass out of his life as Perrault and Francois and the Scotch half-breed had passed out. Even in the night, in his dreams, he was haunted by this fear. At such times he would shake off his sleep and creep thru the chill to the flap of the tent, where he would stand and listen to the sound of his master's breathing.

But in spite of this great love he bore John Thornton, which seemed to bespeak the soft civilizing influence, the strain of the primitive, which the Northland had aroused in him, remained alive and active. Faithfulness and devotion, things born of fire and roof, were his; yet he retained his wildness and williness. He was a thing of the wild, come from the wild to sit by John Thornton's fire, rather than a dog of the soft Southland stamped with the marks of generations of civilization. Because of his very great love, he could not steal from this man, but from any other man, in any other camp, he did not hesitate an instant; while the cunning with which he stole enabled him to escape detection.

(To be continued next week.)

Numerous letters are being printed in Canadian labor papers from trade unionists in the European trenches, and such sentences frequently occur as "we are living in hopes that it will soon be over," "it is generally believed we are in the last year of the war," etc. It is no stretch of the imagination to believe that these same sentiments are shared by workers on both sides of the horrible conflict. But their blood-thirsty rulers won't permit them to go home.

Laboring men must bear the greatest burden of war, including deaths, suffering, and financially, receiving \$16 a month, while many stay-at-home citizens make golden profits on war materials.

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You came like one out of the night
To fill this earth with gladness and light;
You've opened a heaven before our eyes
Wherever to see thru the centuries
The reign of justice and the rule of right.

I have listened to the call of thy sweet music,
And the vibration of it has fired my soul;
Onward, onward to thy destined goal,
For you are the hope of the world,
The redeemer of all mankind.

Samuel Blauner,
North West Side Y. P. S. L.
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THE CALL OF THE WILD

By JACK LONDON.
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(Continued from last week.)

VI.

For The Love Of A Man.

When John Thornton froze his feet in the previous December, his partners had made him comfortable and left him to get well, going on themselves up the river to get out of a raft of saw-logs for Dawson. He was still limping slightly at the time he rescued Buck, but with the continued warm weather even the slight limp left him. And here, lying by the river bank thru the long spring days, watching the running water, listening lazily to the songs of birds and the hum of nature, Buck slowly won back his strength.

A rest comes very good after one has travelled three thousand miles, and it must be confessed that Buck waxed lazy as his wounds healed, his muscles swelled out, and the flesh came back to cover his bones. For that matter, they were all loafing, his breakfast, and Skeet and Nig, waiting for the raft to come that was to carry them down to Dawson. Skeet was a little Irish setter who early made friends with Buck, who, in a dying condition, was unable to resent her first advances. She had the doctor trait which some dogs possess; and as a mother cat washes her kittens, so she washed and cleansed Buck's wounds. Regularly, each morning after he had finished his breakfast, she performed her self-appointed task, till he came to look for her ministrations as much as he did for Thornton's. Nig, equally friendly, the less demonstrative, was a huge black dog, half bloodhound and half deerhound, with eyes that laughed and a boundless good nature.

Experiences Genuine Love. To Buck's surprise these dogs manifested no jealousy toward him. They seemed to share the kindness and largeness of John Thornton. As Buck grew stronger, they entered him into all sorts of ridiculous games in which Thornton himself could not forbear to join; and in this fashion Buck romped thru his convalescence and into a new existence. Love, genuine, passionate love, was his for the first time. This he had never experienced at Judge Miller's down in the sun-kissed Santa Clara Valley. With the Judge's sons, hunting and trapping, it had been a working partnership; with the Judge's grandsons, a part of pompous guardianship; and with the Judge himself, a stately and dignified friendship. But love that was feverish and burning, that was adoration, that was madness, it had taken John Thornton to arouse.

This man had saved his life, which was something; but, further, he was the ideal master. Other men saw to the welfare of their dogs from a sense of duty and business expediency; he saw to the welfare of his as if they were his own children, because he could not help it. And he saw further. He never forgot a kindly greeting for a cheering word, and to sit down for a long talk with them ("gras" he called it) was as much his delight as theirs. He had a way of taking Buck's head roughly between his hands, and resting his own head upon Buck's, of shaking him back and forth, the while calling him ill names that to Buck were love names. Buck knew no greater joy than that rough embrace and the sound of murmured oaths, and at each jerk back and forth it seemed that his heart would be shaken out of his body so great was its ecstasy. And when, released, he sprang to his feet, his mouth laughing, his eyes eloquent, his throat vibrant with unuttered sound, and in that fashion remained without movement, John Thornton would reverently exclaim, "God! you can all but speak!"

Buck had a trick of love expression that was akin to hurt. He would often seize Thornton's hand in his mouth and close so fiercely that the flesh bore the impress of his teeth for some time afterward. And as Buck understood the oaths to be love words, so the man understood this feigned bite for a caress.

For the most part, however, Buck's

Plan To Get Real Dope On High Cost Of Living

(Special Correspondence.)

Washington.—The investigation into the high cost of living to be made by the Department of Agriculture and the Federal Trade Commission is not merely a joke; it is an earnest of something that may be worth while.

I have a statement from Carl Vrooman, the radical Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, which makes it look that way. Here's the statement, and in it, incidentally, is some strong stuff about "prosperity," and food speculation in peace times:

War Would Boost Prices.

"War or no war, it is imperative that at the earliest possible date the Government should know the essential facts about the food situation in the United States. If peace time prices are furnishing a pretext, if not a sufficient cause, for riots, and are actually causing much real hardship of which the public never hears, war time prices would make present conditions vastly worse.

"The President has asked Congress for money with which to investigate as it has never been investigated before, the high cost of food. The Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Agriculture are to make this investigation, the latter supplying the power which the former does not possess, to go into the books and papers of corporations in which are to be found the key facts to the present situation.

"Out of this investigation, to be completed within six months, I look to see developed a definite scientific plan which will benefit the producer, the consumer and the legitimate middleman. Such an investigation can hurt no one who is not profiting excessively and unpatriotically from the necessities of the public in a time of national crisis. This investigation might be called the first step toward food preparedness. By making provision for it now, while we are at peace, we shall show the world that we are more fore-handed than were the nations now warring in Europe. In most of the countries engaged in the present war the failure of government to take needed steps for food preparedness has been forced upon the attention of the world.

We Bungle And Waste.

"We have enough food in this country. In fact, we produce more than enough of most of the necessities of life to feed ourselves. We do not know how to market nationally. We bungle, we waste, we compete; we do not co-operate for mutual benefit or for national efficiency. Our system of distribution in many ways is crude, cumbersome and costly.

"It is not enough that the nation should have sufficient food, for if in time of peace numbers of people go hungry in the midst of plenty, it is not apparent that in time of war, unless the strong arm of the Federal Government intervened, vastly more people would go hungry in the midst of plenty? Therefore, our problem of food preparedness in the United States is not a problem of adding to our national supply, but of seeing to it that our national food supply is so marketed that the poor and unfortunate are not exploited and starved by unscrupulous and disloyal food speculators. We realize in general what is wrong with the food situation, but we need to know certain additional essential detailed facts. If Congress will appropriate the money, the Administration will get the facts, and for the first time begin to give the United States some scientific food preparedness."

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Y. P. S. L. DOINGS.

A new league has been organized at Racine, Wis., with 22 charter members. The Socialist Party, Local Hudson County, N. J., has donated \$25 to help along the County Organization of the Yipsels there.

Peru, Ill., held a highly interesting Washington-Bebel Commemoration on February 22, March 4th a big social was held, and on March 11th a lecture on Poetry, illustrated with passages from the leading radical poets. Seattle, Wash., has arranged a lecture at which John Spargo, of Vermont, will be the speaker. The subject is "Socialism and War," and the date March 16th. This is a big undertaking because of the large expenses involved, but the Yipsels declare that they will make out all right.

New Haven, Conn., recently had a "question-box" session and here are some of the questions brought out: 1. Is this country subject to foreign invasion? 2. Would an embargo on foodstuffs and munitions keep us out of the war? 3. Is poverty the prime cause of crime? 4. Should a declaration of war on Germany be first submitted to referendum vote? These are good questions for discussion at any Yipsel educational meeting.

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M. Maginsky, N. Y. City, N. Y.	20	
John C. Knowlton, Mason City, Ia.	12	
L. Van den Bergh, Minneapolis, Minn.	10	
R. H. Lane, Aurora, N. C.	8	
J. N. Carter, Omaha, Neb.	7	
Geo. Tigura, Knoxville, Tenn.	2	
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Wm. Heino, Wilkeson, Wash.	—	
L. M. Osborne, Alliance, O.	—	
Max Cervis, Irwin, Pa.	—	
Miss S. E. Kajander, Butte, Mont.	—	
Harold F. D. Jackson, Los Angeles, Cal.	—	
Ernest Leo, Seattle, Wash.	—	
M. L. Lehman, N. Glendale, Cal.	—	
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City, N. Y.	—	
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Tony Morrello, Youngstown, O.	—	
I. V. Ynglet, Kenosha, Wis.	—	
August Schell, Greenwich, Conn.	—	

STILL GOING AHEAD.

Followers of this contest will note that there are no less than six changes in the standing this week. Six of those who are taking part have made substantial gains and there seems to be a fine awakening generally among the contestants.

Comrade M. Maginsky did not get a very early start but he is making up for lost time. He receives his mail at the Rand School now so he knows what the school is like, and the good it would do to spend a winter in study there. He writes in as follows:

"Dear Comrades:
I have received the sub cards and enclose herewith Five Dollars, for which credit me with 20 points. I sold all of the 25c cards in one evening, in fact it took me just a half-hour. I am determined to win by a whirlwind campaign so please send me, right away, 200 sub cards at 25c, and 50 more at 10c each. Also send me your New York list of expirations. Please answer at once and watch me win.
Yours for the Cause,
M. Maginsky."

Thru these columns several comrades have already shown that they have made up their minds to win. They are going to win. There is no active hustler for the cause but they would do just as they are doing. Some of the other contestants don't seem to be contesting very hard. Perhaps they are saving their energies, but let them remember that time waits for no man. There is no time like the present to work for Socialism. Go to it.

Comrade Cornelius Lehane of Ireland is dated to speak as follows:

Washington, D. C., four lectures:

March 7th to 10th; Baltimore, Open

Forum, Sunday, March 11th; Jersey

City, Sunday, March 18th; Rand

School, New York, Sunday, March

25th; Bridgeport, Conn., Sunday,

April 1st; Woonsocket and Providence,

R. I., afternoon and night of

Sunday, April 8th; Boston Irish So-

ciety, Sunday, April 15th. Socialist

locals in Connecticut and Massa-

chusetts desiring Lehane dates should

write at once to Cornelius Lehane,

Ansonia, Conn.

The Social Democratic Labor party of Russia has voted against sending delegates to the proposed conference of Socialists in the 10 Allied countries, as proposed by the French.

The Russians say the conference proposition is advanced by anti-Socialists to split the International, and they will not assist in keeping the movement divided.

The Hamilton (O.) Socialist has been compelled to suspend publication on account of the high cost of paper and other materials despite the fact that its circulation and advertising patronage were steadily increasing. It is reported that a number of other labor and Socialist papers in this section of the country are being hit hard by the Paper Trust.

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A black and white illustration of a woman in a long dress and hat, carrying a large bundle on her back, walking along a path. The text "RANSOM! MOTHER COULD SEE THIS!" is written vertically on the left side of the image.

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SOCIALISTS, FEB. 14, 1917)